(*b*) whether the Cochin Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., is given the wholesale and retail license for the distribution of yarn in Parur and Chennamangalam;

(*c*) whether there have been complaints from the weavers of Parur and Chennamangalam in the present distribution system of yarn?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes. Representations have been made to the Government of India to increase the State's quota.

(*b*) Yes., but certain other societies have also been given licences for retail sales.

(*c*) Yes.—that the quota is insufficient.

SUPPLY OF FUEL

*875. [56] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the public of Trichur, Irinjalakuda and Ernakulam for the supply of fuel from the Forest Department at reasonable rates;

and (*b*) what steps, if any, have the Government taken in that direction?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements have been made to divert sufficient quantities of firewood from the Fuel coupes to Ernakulam, Trichur and Irinjalakuda by purchasers. This is to ensure that Fuel is made available at reasonable rates for the consuming public.

SALES TAX ON TOBACCO

*876. [57] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have received protests against the present system of calculating sales-tax on tobacco articles in the State; and if so, their nature;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken steps to redress the said grievances;

(c) whether the Department is now levying sales-tax on tobacco articles at the rate of 3 pies per rupee over and above the rate of 4 annas in the rupee; and

(*d*) what is the amount of sales-tax levied up-to-date on tobacco articles at the rate of 4 annas in the rupee?

Minister for Finance and Revenue **(Sri. A. J. John):** (*a*) No protests have been received about the system of calculation.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(c) The levy of 3 pies in the rupee in respect of tobacco has since been abolished.

(*d*) This can be ascertained only after the assessments for 1951—52 are finally settled.

ഗ്രാൻറ അനുവദിക്കാത്ത ക്ലാസുകൾ

*൮൭൬. (൫൭) ശ്രീ. ടി. എം. സന്നലൻ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമന്ത്രി സഭയെ മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

(എ) വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളിൽ ഫസ്റ്റ് ഫോറം മുതൽ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ക്ലാസുകളിൽ ഗ്രാൻറ അനുവദിക്കാത്ത ക്ലാസുകൾ ഉണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിനു കാരണമെന്ത്?

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